

## GOING BACK IN TIME



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Dressed as people from the past, Humbolt Elementary sixth-graders, in pairs, share information about Greeks, Romans, Vikings, Aztecs, and even a Chinese dragon on June 8. The Ancient Civilization Feast & Festival was their culminating social studies class taught by Casey Hallgarth — Lorie Croghan also teaches sixth grade. The students brought food from the culture they were representing to share with their class and a few family visitors.



Sixth-graders Ashleigh Ostberg and Sophie Brockway (inside box) show a Chinese dragon they made for the Ancient Civilization Feast & Festival.

## American Legion Auxiliary officers installed in JD

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – American Legion Auxiliary State President Linda Liebenow and her husband, both of Aloha, paid an official visit Friday, June 12, to the Ellis Tracy Unit No. 77.

They were accompanied by District President Linda Schmidt of Burns for the luncheon at the Outpost Restaurant.

Liebenow conducted installation of officers for the local group and gave them an update on the programs currently underway.

Officers installed were Ruth Harris, president; Marge Conlee, vice president; Bonnie Gause, recording secretary; Phyllis Farley, membership secretary; Joyce Nodine, treasurer; Joan Bowling, chaplain; Sherry Feiger, sergeant-at-arms; and Barbara Pollak, historian.

Girls State chairman Tammy Bremner reported that three delegates would attend this year's session.

Liebenow will plan to attend various functions at the Girls State program.

Schmidt reported on her husband Charles' campaign for national commander of the American Legion and thanked the local unit for their financial support.

This article was contributed by Ruth Harris.

## SENIOR Outlook

## Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



## PRAIRIE CITY –

The cemetery re-enactment was a great success. And the weather was perfect – not too hot, and not too cold, with a light breeze. Had a good turnout, and outstanding performances from the

actors. Might do it again in the fall, so the men who could not be there – due to surgery and death in the family – can give their interpretations, too. My only complication came the next day, when my sinuses decided they had too much juniper essence. But it didn't last long. Thank you all for coming.

Next on the agenda is the Fourth of July celebrations. Gonna have to figure out how to get my flag hung up. Had a great stand 40 years ago, but some sneak thief stole the flag right out of my front yard one night. Don't remember what happened to the stand.

June 17 was a great day for our Father's Day dinner. There were 84 names on the registration book. Buzz led the flag salute, and Darrell Johnson asked the blessing. Our volunteer servers were Linda Boyer, Sandi Rennels, Julia Davis and Dusty Harris. Marguerite Hood helped me count the money.

Senior programs manager Veanne Weddle won the \$5 in trade from Prairie Hardware and Gifts. Colleen Lewis got the gift certificate towards a meal from Chuck's Little Diner.

Chairman Joe was out in his garden early that morning and picked

a cooler full of lettuce to give away. Goody, goody.

Iva and Helen prepared cole slaw, baked beans, beef brisket, rolls, and chocolate cake for dessert, plus the usual assortment of liquid refreshment: water, tea, coffee, milk, buttermilk and orange juice.

The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Patty, brought Dorothy Blasing, Ralph Wilson, Robert Riddel, Lois Hill and Donna Cox.

I finished reading the book Jane Meador Nagel wrote and donated to the seniors. Very good. Remember, once you have read a book, return it, so someone else can have it.

The "Senior Float Committee" is having fun getting our parade entry organized. They brought up two sections of the old Prairie Theater seats for use on the float. Hope they get them tied down securely.

The Ding-a-lings have begun rehearsals for the September concert, "Alleluia: A Celebration of Praise and Worship." If you'd like to participate, let me know. The Choir Chimes are not the only act on the program.

Derrol had another session of special X-rays and now we are waiting on word from the surgeon after he "consults with his colleagues."

The grapevine report: 44 inches. The corn lily is 48 inches high! July 1 will be birthday recognition day. Wonder what special meal we'll enjoy that day?

Genesis 22:14 "And Abraham called the name of the place The-Lord-Will-Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

## John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



## JOHN DAY –

On June 15, we had a small turnout and a great lunch. Shay fixed yummy ham-mushroom Alfredo on penne pasta and steamed zucchini with onions, focaccia bread, topped off with "Flag Day" pudding.

We had approximately 24 in attendance. Pastor Al Altnow and Rick Rhinehart delivered 20 meals, plus eight frozen ones to shut-ins.

Ron Dowse and Susan Fowle greeted us at the desk. Our servers were from First Christian Church. Cathy Altnow led the flag salute, and Pastor Altnow told a story and asked the blessing.

Veanne Weddle announced that the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Rec. are now serving free lunches for children under 18, at noon, Monday-Friday at John Day City Park. Adults may buy the same lunches for \$2.

Alma Joslin won the Len's Drug certificate, and Kayla Sharp won the free meal.

June 18 – wow, what a day. First, the cooks fixed 27 to-go meals, delivered by Shermayne Boethin. Then they delivered a lunch to the hospital for the cataract surgery team. They didn't stay to serve it as they had to return to the center to fix our great Father's Day lunch. We had approximately 83 people for a meal of homemade chicken-fried steak (I cut mine with my fork), real mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans with bacon and onions, freshly made dinner rolls, and topped off with root beer floats. What a celebration.

Boyd Britton Welding furnished the entrée, with Boyd, his wife and crew with us to enjoy it. Ron Dowse and Susan Fowle greeted

us at the desk. Members of United Methodist Church served. Jean Willey led the flag salute, and Pastor Marcie Collins asked the blessing. She also bid us her farewell. She will be moving the end of this month. We will miss you Marcie.

Rita Meyer joined us as a guest of Jeanette Julsrud. Welcome, and we hope you'll join us again.

Before the lunch, Kara Kohfield and her crew of EMTs gave a CPR lesson, and presented the Senior Center with an auxiliary external defibrillator. Thank you gals so much. Some law enforcement officers helped get the mannequins put away so we could have lunch. It was an enlightening lesson and well presented.

There was also a reminder to put donations in the donation jar when we take leftovers home. Really, where else can you get this kind of meal for \$4 or \$5, and then take another meal home, too? Come on, dig in your pockets and help the seniors so we can continue to have these scrumptious lunches.

A special thank you to Jackie Osborne and her Juniper Ridge Livestock 4H Club, who did some weeding and cleanup around the building. Jackie said they would probably be back.

Winning some special Father's Day prizes were Buz Harris, Todd McKinley, Ron Dowdy, Everett Swayne and Alva Conlee, who won two. Regular drawing winners were Helen Bogart, for the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate, and Alva Conlee, the lunch for two at Valley View. What a day.

Thursday, June 25, we will have haddock and hush puppies, and who knows what Shay and Lisa will dream up to serve with it. Monday, June 28, we'll have Swedish "Meteorballs" – not a misspelling – served with noodles and a side. Hope to see you there.

2 Peter 3:18 "Grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

I am proud to be an American. I am not a natural-born American; my parents, along with my brother and I, immigrated to this country from South Korea back in the 1970s, looking for a better life and new opportunities.

They call me the 1.5 generation. I am not totally Korean, but not totally Americanized either. I still carry on certain Korean traditions but then again, I'm more comfortable thinking and speaking in English. I don't have an accent, in case you were wondering. I started school here in Kindergarten but I have no recollection of that school year whatsoever. My hubby thinks it's because I might have had a tough time transitioning from speaking Korean at home and learning to speak English in school. Maybe I was traumatized. Ha.

I can still speak Korean fairly well, and I can read a little bit from attending Korean language school when I was little, but I don't really comprehend what I'm reading very much.

As I have assimilated to this country and its culture, I have come to appreciate more and more what this nation was founded upon. As we approach the very important Fourth of July holiday, that flag and what it stands for has a deepening meaning for me every year. I thank all the soldiers who fought so hard for our freedoms. We, as American citizens, should not take for granted those rights and this country, and never forget the price for freedom.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

## Monument Seniors

Soo Yuhawa



## MONUMENT –

Hello, Grant County citizens!

We've been enjoying some beautiful days here. Nice cool mornings, warm and lazy days of summer – more of an expression really – and nice evenings. Ah, the

country life.

For our June 16 lunch, we had 47 attendees, and six take-outs. Cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell served up some nice chicken and rice, yummy steamed broccoli, and dessert. Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Anderson, and Marva Walker.

Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean gave the blessing over our meal. Pam Callahan won the Len's Drug gift card, and Sharon Falls and Jan Ensign each won a free meal.

Wilma Bauer and W. Toop from Mt. Vernon visited us. We hope they had fun and come back again some time.

Donations for the awesome Monument fireworks display are now being accepted – and appreciated – at the City Hall.

Also, volunteers would be appreciated to pull weeds or water at the park, to make our little town beautiful in preparation for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration.

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